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THE PARAMA HAT.

What Came of a Glimpse of the Initials on the Inside.

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As Genevieve came on deck the young man in the panama hat glanced over his shoulder in her direction. Then, with surprising alacrity, he whirled about, and the rapid removal of the panama revealed a well shaped head and close cropped dark bair, which clung through many vicissitudes to an unmistakable tendency to curl.

As the morning dew vanishes under the fierce rays of the midsummer sun. ful animation disappeared when met jaw drepped. The color mounted from leather band, "Oh, I beg your par the top of his rather high collar to the don," she cried impulsively. roots of his hair. Genevieve went on | The young man did not hear her, her way well satisfied with herself.

that to join me. And by the time that and saw that it was true. I had explained that I really didn't know him we should be beginning to reflected on the overthrow of the plot. hat-are they your initials?" She wished that Aunt Myra might have been an onlooker-Aunt Myra. who had questioned the propriety of her taking the short voyage unchaper-

On the opposite side of the steamer the wearer of the panama hat leaned upon the rail and darkly regarded the bauteur. "The peculiarity of my blue water. The attitude, suggestive of dejection, gave Genevieve the op- looking over Genevieve's head, "is a portunity to steal furtive giances at the motionless offender. His clothes lie' fitted well. As far as that was concerned, any tallor would be juspired to do his best by such a figure. "Adorable shoulders," said Genevieve, so nearly aloud that it was just as well that Aunt Myra was not present.

At the expiration of an hour Gene vieve had come to the conclusion that



"I NEVER HEARD OF BUT ONE PERSON WHOSE INITIALS WERE X. Y. Z."

the guilty young man who had addressed her when she came on deck was not an old offender. He had taken her rebuff too deeply to heart for that. His interest in the Chesapeake bay seemed to undergo no diminution after annihilating scorn before which his one of his fellow passengers was in self confidence had shriveled. Gene- doubt as to the final solution. vieve surprised herself in a pitying

It was now time for the panama to the crushed and disheartened youth or the psychology of crowds (mainly staring over the rail her challenge was | investigated so far by French and Italaccepted. With a birdlike motion the lan inquirers), is a study still in its ing various agile persons who attempt- mon knowledge. ed to intercept it, and continued in

his property. There was a reduess crowds guilty of herrible atrocities about him that was not due to sun- Questioned afterward, they could not burn, but was not unbecoming He account for their actions. Some inexbowed. Geneviere reflected, with a plicable change had taken place in feeling of self congratulation, like a them, and that inexplicable something

"I am very much in your debt," said | crowd.

the owner of the panama. Genevieve. Her tone was calculated to play performed before it has an entire a nicety-not friendly enough to en- by different effect from that which the coarage Eberties in the presumptuous, play would have if read separately and not chilling enough to dishearten the privately by each individual. The of fimid and retiring.

hand. "I might improve this opportusify to apologize for what must have seemed a piece of rudeness on my "What's the matter, daughter?"

Cenevieve listened with an expression as nicely calculated as her tone be around for a couple of nights."had been. There was nething about Courseille Courier-Journal

it on which one could presume, yet it was far from being frosty.

"As you came up the stairs," the roung man continued, twirling the nama, "I glanced over my shoulder, and for some reason your face looked xtraordinarily familiar. When I bowed I was under the impression that I knew you."

Genevieve's lips curled a little in spite of herself. He would have done better, she reflected, to stop with the tpology, the explanation was so painfully weak; trite to start with, and, moreover-well, without vaulty, Genevieve knew that her type was not

Certainly never was six foot one of nanhood so easily disconcerted.

"Thank you again," said the owner of the panama in a low voice, and he turned on his heel. But as he set his recovered hat upon

so the young man's expression of joy- his head Genevieve caught sight of something that made her start-three by Genevieve's chilly stare. His lower shining gilt letters fixed into the inner

and a fellow passenger checked him "I imagine be thinks me not quite as in his return to his seat, seizing his unsophistocated as he supposed Prob- coattails. "Lady ain't done with you ably his intention was to surprise me yet," said the obliging passenger, and into a bow and then to presume on the owner of the panama looked back

He returned with an apparent reluctance Genevieve thought best not to feel quite well acquainted." She smil- notice. "Excuse me," she said breathed again with superior triumph as she lessly, "but those letters inside your

The young man stared and colored. "Why, yes." "Like an algebra problem, aren't

they?" Genevieve persisted. Apparently the young man wished to show her that she was not the only person who could assume an air of name," said the owner of the panama, misfortune in which the general pub-

"It's a mixture of French and English and German, of the prosaic and the sentimental. It's fairly groesque aud standpoint. I've seriously contemplat- tion is of pleasant taste, agrees legislature. But from this day on I'll find no more fault with it. When you saw those letters X. Y. Z., of course you knew there couldn't be but one of

"I blame myself for waiting for that," said Genevieve demurely, "since I've seen your photograph at my cousin's, a number of photographs indeed." Mr. Zimmerman drew a long breath. 'And I was wondering why your face seemed so familiar." He made a motion toward an inside pocket, but then becked himself, reflecting that perhaps it would be wiser to wait a little for that. But by the middle of the next forenoon he feit it safe to exhibit the little kodak picture Jim had given him-a picture of Genevieve with a tennis racket over her shoulder and her hair ruffled by the breeze. Genevieve pouted. "If he were going to give you any," she said, "he might have chosen one that-that flat-

tered me more." The sea voyage from Baltimore to sixty minutes of incessant staring. Boston, though not a long one, af-Genevieve began to feel that possibly fords considerable opportunity for she had been too severe. A look of progress in acquaintance. Mr. X. Y. dignified perplexity might have been Zimmerman might be suggestive of an enough without any of the ruthless, algebraic problem, but in that case no

> The Psychology of Crowds. There is a justification for a preven-

take a hand. As Genevieve's commis- tive censorship in the peculiar nature erating glance stole in the direction of of the crowd. Collective psychology, panama rose from its owner's head. infancy. A completely satisfactory exevading his clutch with a dexterity planation of the peculiarities of the that argued deliberate intention. It crowd is not yet forthcoming. But sailed across the steamer's bow, dodg- those peculiarities are matters of com-

Briefly, a crowd is a new entity, dif-Genevieve's direction. On reaching fering in mind and will from the in strain of prize winners, is now it her it surrendered at discretion. Tame | dividuals who compose it. Its inteland obedient as a pet dog, it dropped | lectual pitch is lowered, its emotional into her lap, and, though Genevieve pitch raised. It takes on something clutched if by the brim, that was more of the characteristics of a hypnotized ly a matter of form. She was sure that "subject." It tends to be irrational, the panama hat had no intention of excitable, tacking in self-control. Many Frenchmen under "the terror." gentle The hat's owner was not far behind and humane as individuals, made up was the peculiar influence of the

A theatrical audience has the peculiar "Not at all, I'm sure," responded paychology of the crowd. An offensive crowd is the real controlling factor in "Perhaps," the young man hesitated the matter A. B. Walkley Before taking his property from her extended Stage Consership Commission.

> "Fordy and I have parted forever." "Um! In that case, I s'pose be wou's

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"The reason I asked," interrupted Genevieve, "is because I never heard of but one person whose initials were X. Y. Z., and he was one of my cousin's dearest friends."

The owner of the panama no longer looked haughty. Instead his expression suggested blissful incredulity.

"His name began," Genevieve continued, blushing under the young man's gaze, "with Xavier."

"Young," prompted the other delightedly.

"Zimmerman," Genevieve concluded and she looked about her. "isu't there are unoccupied chair." Oh, yes."

"I have the began and preservative of the active medicinal principles residing in most of our indigences or native medicinal plants than is alcohol. As its use is entirely unobjectionable, while alcohol is well known when used even in small portions, for a protracted period, to do lasting injury to the human system, especially in the case of delicate women and children, he decided to use chemically pure glycerine instead of the usually employed alcohol in the preparation of his medicinal plants than is alcohol. As its use is entirely unobjectionable, while alcohol is well known when used even in small portions, for a protracted period, to do lasting injury to the human system, especially in the case of delicate women and children, he decided to use chemically pure glycerine instead of the usually employed alcohol in the preparation of his medicinal plants than is alcohol. As its use is entirely unobjectionable, while alcohol in small portions, for a protracted period, to do lasting injury to the human system, especially in the case of delicate women and children, he decided to use chemically pure glycerine instead of the usually employed alcohol in the preparation of his medicinal plants than is alcohol. As its use is entirely unobjectionable, while alcohol in the entirely unobjectionable, when used even in small portions, for a protracted period, to do lasting injury to the human system, especially in the case of delicate women and children, he decided to use chemi

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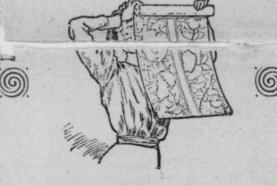
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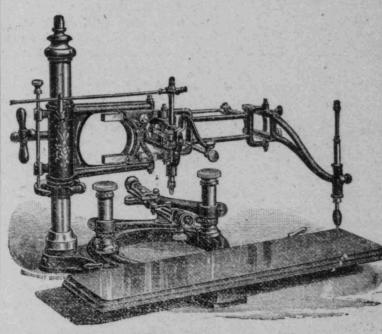
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